

A
LETTER from SCOTLAND,
TO A

Gentleman at Court,
In Relation to SCOTCH-AFFAIRS.

With a Copy of an ACT of Parliament for the Security of
Their Majesties Government in that Kingdom.

LICENS'D, July 30. 1690. J.F.

S I R,

THE Parliament, after having Enacted many good Laws for the Property and Liberty of the People, and Security of Their Majesties Government, was Adjourn'd to the Third of September: Amongst which Laws I shall only mention Two, which shew the Zeal of this Nation for the Present Government, and the Moderation of that Church Established by Law, towards those who Separate or Dissent from Them.

The first is, An Act for the Security of Their Majesties Government, taking off the Villanous Distinction of a *King de Facto* and *de Jure*, which was Voted and Approved in a solemn and unaccustomary way, every Member standing up while he gave his Vote, and not one Contradictory Voice in the whole House. I thought it necessary to transmit the Act.

The second is, An Act rescinding all Penal Laws on such as separate from the Established Church, or keep Conventicles; and taking off the Civil Effect of Excommunication, that all Protestants may serve God in their own Way, without disturbance, and be capable of the greatest Employments, there being no Test, or any other Lett in their way; which, I do not doubt, in this Kingdom will tend to a lasting Unity amongst all who have any pretence to Religion, and totally extinguish that Spirit of Persecution which is too frequently a great part of the Zeal of most Church-men. This Act hath a Proviso, That those Ministers who were turned out for not Praying for King William and Queen Mary, should not presume to Preach, nor exercise any part of the Ministerial Function, until they appear before His Majesty's Privy-Council, and take the Oath of Allegiance, and promise to Pray for Their Majesties, conform to the Act of the Meeting of Estates.

Thus, by the wise Management of His Grace the Earl of Melvill, there is a happy Conclusion put to the second Session of Parliament, to the great satisfaction of those who are zealous for the Glory of their King, and the Good of their Countrey: Of which we have already a certain proof, for on the noise of the French Landing, and at the desire of His Grace the Earl of Melvill, there were Rendezvoused out of the Western Shires, in 24 hours warning, 12000 well-appointed Men, who offered to serve His Majesty on their

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their own Charge; for which they had the Thanks of the Government, who have appointed 1500 of them to lie at *Stirling*, 1500 at *Glasgow*, and 1500 at *Falkirk*, dismissing the rest, who have promised to be ready upon a Call. We expect Major General *Mackay* will be on *Saturday* next at *St. Johnston*, having left 1100 Men in Garison at *Innerlochy*. This is all from,

A. O. T. Sir, Your humble Servant, &c.

A T C for Securing of Their Majesties Government, Voted and Approved by the Parliament, *Nemine Contradicente*,
2 July 22. 1690.

The Estates of Parliament considering how just and necessary it is for the Security of Their Majesties Government, and the Peace of this Kingdom, that all their Subjects be Men of Integrity, well and dutifully affected; and that others, who are otherwise inclined, may be discovered; and that the late King *James* does still pretend a Title, and doth maintain a War against Their Majesties, and by many Contrivances endeavours to divert Their Majesties Leiges from their Allegiance; and for this end there is a Division betwixt a King *de Facto*, and a King *de Jure*, cunningly of late spread abroad, thereby to weaken and invalidate the Allegiance sworn to Their Majesties. Therefore, The King and Queens Majesties, with the Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, Enacts, Statutes and Ordains, That all Persons who in Law are obliged to swear and take the Oath of Allegiance, and all other Subjects of this Kingdom, whom the Council shall think fit to put the Oath of Allegiance to (being hereby authorized to do the same to every Person of this Realm as they see cause) shall subscribe the Certificate and Assurance underwritten; Declaring, That such as shall refuse to subscribe the same, shall be reputed disaffected to Their Majesties Government, and be deprived of any Offices, Benefices, and Jurisdictions which they enjoy, and be obliged to give such Security for their Good Behaviour, and that they shall do nothing against the Government, as Their Majesties High Commissioner, or the Lords of his Majesties Privy-Council shall think fit; providing it extend no further than Bond, Caution, or Personal Imprisonment, securing of Horse and Arms, or Garison of Houses.

I A. B. do in the sincerity of my heart assert, acknowledg and declare That Their Majesties King *WILLIAM* and Queen *MARY*, the only Lawful, Undoubted Sovereigns, King and Queen of Scotland, as well *de Jure* as *de Facto*, and in the Exercise of the Government: And therefore I do sincerely and faithfully promise and engage, That I will with Heart and Hand, Life and Goods, maintain and defend Their Majesties Title and Government, against the Late King *James's* Adherents, and all other Enemies, who either by open or secret Attempts, shall disturb or disquiet Their Majesties in the Exercise thereof.

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